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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. CSCE COMMISSION STAFF VISIT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT OF BARTHA'S REACTION. AS IT HAPPENED, DURING 8/31 LUNCH WITH HUNGARIAN DCM HAJDU, LONGO AND GERTH BROUGHT UP THE CSCE VISIT AND RECEIVED SAME GUARDED APPREHENSION LEST VISIT BE AN ATTEMPT TO "MONITOR" GOH PRACTICE. DEPTOFFS MADE APPROPRIATE EXPLANATIONS AND HAJDU APPEARED MUCH ALLAYED. DEPTOFF HAS ALSO BRIEFED EUR/RPMON YOUR APPROACH TO BARTHA. THAT OFFICE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE HUNGARIAN SENSITIVITY AND STATES THAT CSCE COMMISSION ITSELF, HAVING BEEN "BURNED" ALREADY ONCE (IN FEBRUARY 1977) ALSO UNDERSTANDS.

2. DEPTOFF WHO WILL ACCOMPANY GROUP IS MARTIN MCLEAN OF EUR/RPM. VISA APPLICATION BEING SUBMITTED TO HUNGEMB
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SEPTEMBER 6. HUNGEMB ALREADY HAS THE VISA APPLICATIONS OF THE OTHER THREE PARTICIPANTS.

3. POSSIBLE PUJA MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE, AND GOVERNOR HARRIMAN.

WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU ON

THIS.

4. WEIL VISIT. BOTH WEIL AND JENKINS ARE PLEASED TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION TO STAY AT YOUR RESIDENCE. NEITHER WISHES TO STAY AT HOTEL. YOU WILL RECEIVE A MORE FORMAL REPLY TO BUDAPEST 3387 IN DUE COURSE.

5. VISAS-FBI FORMAL OBJECTION CASES. REGRETTABLY, THIS IS GOING TO GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER. FBI/JUSTICE APPEAR TO BE DIGGING IN THEIR HEELS. LONGO IS POUCHING A RELATED PRESS ITEM TO TYNES. THE VISA OFFICE HAS TOLD US INFORMALLY THAT IT IS NOTICING INCREASED OBJECTIONS FROM THE FBI AND INCREASED DELAYS IN OBTAINING FBI RESPONSES ON VISA APPLICATIONS FROM EE COUNTRIES. FBI REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO KEEP TABS ON VISITORS HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN DENIED, AND THERE IS SOME FEELING WE CAN EXPECT GROWING DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA. EDE HORVATHIS OF COURSE, A CASE IN POINT, WE RECOMMEND THAT IN ANY CASE REQUIRING DEPARTMENT SAO, YOU PROVIDE US WITH AS DETAILED ITINERARY AND TRIP-PURPOSE DATA AS POSSIBLE, TOGETHER WITH A REPORT OF WHAT YOU PERCEIVE WOULD BE THE NEGATIVE FALLOUT FROM A VISA REFUSAL OR INORDINATE DELAY IN TERMS OF LOST BUSINESS, ADVERSE REACTIONS BY APPLICANTS AND THE GOH, AND POSSIBILITY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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REC,PROCAL HUNGARIAN VISA DELAYS OR DENIALS. GIVE US ALL THE AMMUNITION POSSIBLE. FYI: EACH OBJECTION CASE HAS TO BE WRANGLER OUT AT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY/INS COMMISSIONER LEVEL AND OCCASIONALLY THEN SOME. APPLICANTS WHO COME TO MIND WHO WERE PAST PROBLEMS AND WHO MAY BE AGAIN INCLUDE HORVATH, LASZLO GAL, AND PAL IPPER.

6. O-I MESSAGE HANDLING. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE AWARE THAT WHEN O-I CABLES ARE SENT IMMEDIATE (IN EITHER DIRECTION), COPIES WIND UP IN THE OPCENTER. THIS DOESN'T MEAN NEVER SEND THEM IMMEDIATE, BUT USE DISCRETION.

7. TOM LONGO HAS NOW TAKEN OVER FROM TOM GERTH AS YOUR NEW DESK OFFICER AND FACTOTUM. LONGO'S HOME PHONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (ABOUT SEPTEMBER 21): 370-1000 EXT. 513. CHRISTOPHER

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